

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “FRANK M. RUMPH, M.D.”

WHEREAS, Dr. Rumph graduated magna cum laude from Fort Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was one of the first African Americans to receive a degree in medicine from the Medical College of Georgia in 1971, and a scholarship in his name has been established for African American students there; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rumph was the first African American to hold the positions of Director of the Georgia Public Health Laboratories in Atlanta(1981-1991), Commissioner of Health for Richmond County, District Public Health Director(1991-2005), and President of the Boy Scouts of America (Georgia Carolina Council, Augusta-Aiken 1995); and

WHEREAS, From January 22, 1981- October 1, 2005, Dr. Rumph served 24 years of faithful service and diligent contributions to public health and 14of those years were to the Richmond County Health Department and East Central Health District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rumph organized and Emergency Preparedness Program on bioterrorism for the East Central Health District which is a model for the state and nation. He formed coalitions to prepare the community for threats of biological and chemical terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rumph had a vision to obtain permanent facilities for the Richmond County Health Departments and has gone from rental sites to the ownership of state-of-the-art facilities, and worked diligently to eliminate health care disparities and increased access to health care services for the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rumph’s greatest honor is the naming of the *Frank. M. Rumph, M.D. Richmond County Health Department*, February 13, 2006; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Monday, February 13th, 2006, as “FRANK M. RUMPH, M.D. DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to join in honoring this outstanding gentleman’s dedication to providing quality health care services to all in need. He has served as an outstanding model of leadership for the employees of the East Central Health District, and has unwavering devotion to God and Family.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 13th day of February, 2006.

Given under my hand
this 13th day of February 2006

Deke Copenhaver
Mayor

